

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
NOVEMBER 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Sam Adams at 8:39 a.m. Other board members present were Craig Walker, Nick Bridgeman, Beth MacDonald, Tom Welborn, Dale Madden, Tracy Polite-Johnson, and Anna Toon.

Ex officio members present were Tom Simpson, State Forestry; Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry; David Vandergriff, UT Ag Extension; and Ben Nanny, Ijams Nature Center.

Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
Urban Forestry Report	Kasey Krouse	11/02/17
Education Report	Nick Bridgeman	11/02/17
Trees Knoxville Report	Tom Welborn	11/02/17

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- Kasey hopes to begin working on updating the existing Master Planting Plan, and has asked the Board for assistance. The goal is to update practices and make the document easier for the public to read.
- Planting season will be on track to begin after Thanksgiving.
- The work is almost completed for both the Cumberland Avenue and Jackson Avenue street scape projects

Education Committee Report by Dale Madden

- Everything is set for the Arbor Day Program tomorrow. Dale and a couple more members will visit Sequoyah Elementary to do a logistics walk through.
- Posters have been submitted and will be voted on today following the meeting.
- Tom Simpson confirmed that Smokey Bear will be in attendance to take pictures with the winners!

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- Wrapping up plans for tree plantings at several schools. He visited Gresham Elementary to lay out tree planting locations, and is working with Beaumont Elementary on a few tree related issues.
- Tom attended the Water Quality Forum and the Fall Festival at the Botanical Garden. These events provide a great outreach opportunity to discuss trees, and to educate people about the Knoxville Tree Board and Trees Knoxville.
- Tom gave an introduction to pruning class to 35 employees at Clayton Homes and Vanderbilt Mortgage on yesterday.

Other Business

- Kasey reminded the Board that there are several members whose term will end this year. He has asked members for nominations for replacements.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.